



Quarterly Report of the Active Travel Programme Office – June 2022

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1. The Dublin City Council Active Travel Programme Office delivering the Walk-Wheel-Cycle Network (*Connecting All the People*).

2. Active Travel Programme Office

The Active Travel Programme Office (AcTPrO) was set up on 14th February 2022, initially with 15 staff transferring from Traffic.

The fledgling office now has a compliment of almost 30 staff. It is anticipated that significant numbers of additional staff will continue to be added presently, including site based staff, engineers, planners and architects. Momentum is already building on the roll out of this exciting programme.

The Active Travel Programme Office has the responsibility for the delivery of the Active Travel Network funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA).

The Active Travel Programme Office can be contacted by email on ActiveTravelOffice@dublincity.ie

3. The Active Travel Network

Over the last two months, AcTPrO has continued to plan the overall strategy for delivering a connected core active travel network for the city, while keeping a number of projects moving, such as the Clontarf to City Centre and also getting a greater number of projects started.

AcTPrO has been working closely with the NTA to establish an Active Travel Network that is necessary to facilitate safer cycling throughout the city. This network is within the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) approved network. This network has now been agreed and will comprise approximately 310 km of which 210 km will be delivered by the AcTPrO.

A key element of the execution plan will be to grow an interim network of protected cycling facilities. This will involve the building light segregated cycling facilities over the next two years, were possible. This infrastructure will subsequently be made into more enduring infrastructure.

AcTPrO has now commenced the development of an implementation programme for this network. As part of this process, AcTPrO has scheduled the following engagements with Elected Representatives;

Meeting	Schedule
Council Groups (Parties and Independents)	Completed May 2022, 25 th and 26 th
Area Committees	July 2022, 11 th , 12 th , 18 th , 19 th & 20 th
Transportation SPC	September 2022
Environment SPC	September 2022

During these information meetings, a particular focus will be placed on the overall active travel network.

A formal launch is scheduled for September 2022.

4. Network Updates

78 major projects have already been identified as part of the Active Travel Network. Eight of these are already at construction or scheduled to be in construction in 2022 with seven in planning and design.

5.1 Clontarf to City Centre

The Clontarf to City Centre Project will deliver 8km of walking facilities, 6km of cycling facilities, and 5.4km of bus lanes, from Alfie Byrne Road/Clontarf Road Junction to Amiens Street/Talbot Street Junction and a section of the Tolka Valley Greenway from Annesley Bridge to Alfie Byrne Road/East Wall Road Junction. Construction commenced in Q1 2022 and will continue until Q1 2024.

The contractor has divided the main route into seven sections. Works are now in progress in sections two, six and seven will continue for the remainder of 2022. Works along the Tolka are scheduled to commence in the later part of Quarter four 2022. The remaining sections, section one, three, four and five were originally scheduled to commence in 2023. It is now likely that works on these sections will commence in Q3 2022.

A project poster containing essential information about the project has been placed at shops and businesses along the route.

Further information on the project is accessible on the Dublin City Council webpages. The address is www.dublincity.ie/c2cc

5.2 Royal Canal Phase 3

Royal Canal Phase 3 will provide 2.1 km of cycling facilities and 2.1 km of walking facilities along the Royal Canal, from Newcomen Bridge (North Strand Road) to Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough Road). Construction is scheduled to commence in Q4 2022 and continue to Q3 2024. The scheme will take two years to complete.

Tenders for construction of the scheme were received on 13th May 2022. The tender assessment process and preparation of the Final Business Case is underway.

It is anticipated that the preferred tenderer will be selected over the next few weeks and final business case will be submitted to the National Transport Authority for approval. It is planned that, subject to NTA and DCC corporate Projects governance Board approval, a contractor will be appointed during Q3 2022.

AcTPRO will schedule an information meeting with members of the Central Area Committee during Q3 2022, in advance of the start of the main construction works. In addition, a communication plan on the project will be put in place and implemented.

5.3 Royal Canal Phase 4

The project will deliver 4.3km of cycling facilities, and 4.3km of walking facilities along the Royal Canal, from Cross Guns Bridge (Phibsborough Road) to the city boundary at Ashtown. A section of the scheme requiring amendments was scheduled to go on public display Q2 2022. This has been deferred to facilitate new ESB's requirements for a high voltage transmission line to service the Finglas Area.

An updated delivery programme will be developed once the impact of ESB requirements has been fully integrated.

5.4 Dodder Greenway

The scheme will deliver 7.5km of walking and cycling facilities, including three bridges, along the Dodder River, from the River Liffey to Orwell Park. A further 9.5km is being delivered by South Dublin County Council.

During this quarter, the updating of scheme concept drawings for the scheme will be developed based on the emerged preferred option. The updated scheme drawings will be presented to the Dodder Steering Committee on 28th June 2022.

5.5 Dodder Greenway – Herbert Park to Donnybrook

The scheme will deliver half a kilometer of walking and cycling facilities, including flood protection measures, along the Dodder River, for the Donnybrook end of Herbert Park, connecting to Donnybrook Road. Significant progress was made to resolve outstanding agreement issues with landowners. It is anticipated that construction will start in Q3 2022, subject to completing all outstanding legal agreements. The project will take a year to deliver.

5.6 South Grand Canal Cycle Safety Improvements

The scheme will upgrade existing signalized junctions, and narrow wide junctions to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This will include the provision of signalized pedestrian crossings.

A contractor for the upgrade of the junctions was appointed during the second Q2 2022. Works commenced in June 2022. The scheme is scheduled for completion in Q1 2023.

5.7 East Coast Trail (North)

The scheme will provide segregated cycling facilities from Alfie Byrne Road to North Wall Quay.

It is anticipated that works will start on site during Q3 of 2022 with works completed by December 2022.

5.8 Fitzwilliam Cycle Route

The scheme will deliver a kilometre of cycling facilities.

During the quarter, detailed design of the scheme was in progress.

It is planned to publish tenders for construction in the coming weeks, with construction starting in the third quarter of 2022. The scheme is scheduled for completion in quarter two of 2023.

6 Interim Schemes

Interim cycling schemes are planned to be implemented on a number of routes on the Active Travel Network. The design of the interim measures has commenced on some routes and these are currently being reviewed within internal departments and other key stakeholders. It is expected that implementation will commence in Q4 2022.

7 Schemes in Design

The following schemes are in the early planning and design stages;

- Liffey Corridor Project
- Clonskeagh to City Centre
- Sir John Rogerson quay
- Kilmainham to Thomas Street
- Point Junction Improvement Scheme
- Finglas Village Bus Priority and Cycling Scheme
- Finglas Village roundabouts
- Grand Canal Greenway – Blackhorse to Portobello

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